

Preliminary Amendment
Based on PCT/JP03/11957

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5, 7, 12, and 16 have been amended to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of the pending claims.

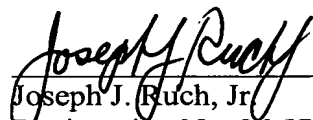
The specification has been amended to include the sequence identifiers in the description of the drawings at page 18 of the specification.

Additionally, a Sequence Listing is being filed concurrently herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Sequence Listing be entered in this application.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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